

CITY of JACKSONVILLE

When Consolidated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1968 Consolidation of Duval County and City of Jacksonville. • Originally: Chapter 67-1320 Laws of Florida- adopted by the Florida Legislature and approved by local referendum. Charter readopted in 1992 to reflect all revisions to date which were permitted by home rule through Council Ordinance, Florida Legislative action, or Referendum-Chapter 92-341 Laws of Florida. • See: Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles of City
Dual Vote?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities of Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Baldwin were consolidated into the territory of the consolidated government but each continues to exist and have retained the same local governmental municipal structure which existed as of September 30, 1968. They became new service districts after consolidation.
Vote results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electorate within Duval County approved Charter
Structure (Legislative, Executive, Judicial)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Executive:</i> Strong Mayor leads 9 Departments, 37 Divisions; administers Central Government Services • Mayor appoints the department director, deputy directors and division chiefs. All appointments are confirmed by City council. (See: attached org chart). • <i>Legislative:</i> 19 City Council Members, 14 elected to represent geographical districts and 5 elected at-large. The Council has budget authority over general government and the independent agencies of the City: 6 standing Committees of Council: Finance, Land Use and Zoning, Public Health & Safety, Recreation & Community Development, Rules, Transportation, Energy & Utilities. (See: attached listing of all committees of the Council and Independent Agencies.) • <i>Judicial:</i> Circuit and County Judges: 30 Circuit Judges elected for staggered 6 year term, jurisdiction (\geq \$2,500); 13 County Judges elected for staggered 4 year term with limited jurisdiction to matters that do not exceed \$15,000 and original jurisdiction of criminal misdemeanor cases.
List of Services Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 General Services District • 5 Urban Services District • The territory of the consolidated government is divided into a general services district and five urban services districts. The general services district consists of the total territory within Duval County. The first urban

	<p>services district initially consists of the territory which immediately prior to the effective date of the original charter of the consolidated government of the City of Jacksonville [October 1, 1968] was included in the corporate limits of the former City of Jacksonville. The second urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Jacksonville Beach. The third urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Atlantic Beach. The fourth urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Neptune Beach. The fifth urban services district initially consists of the territory of the Town of Baldwin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The territory of the first urban services district may, from time to time, be expanded and its territorial limits extended by the council whenever the council determines that a particular territory of the consolidated government outside the urban services district needs urban services and the consolidated government is able to provide such services. No territory may be designated as part of the first urban services district unless the consolidated government provides to such territory all governmental services which the consolidated government is then providing within such first urban services district within a reasonable period of time, which shall not be longer than 1 year after the particular territory is included in the first urban services district. The tax levy on property in territories hereafter becoming part of the first urban services district shall not include any item for the payment of general obligation bonds issued by the first urban services district prior to the date when the particular territory became a part of the first urban services district. No part of the second, third, fourth, or fifth urban services district may be included within the first urban services district under this section. • Throughout the entire general services district the consolidated government shall furnish the following governmental services; airports, agricultural agent, child care, courts, electricity, fire protection, health, hospitals, library, police protection, recreation and parks, schools, streets and highways, traffic engineering, and welfare services. • In addition to the services provided to the general services district, the consolidated government shall furnish the following additional services within the first urban services district: water supply, sanitary sewers, street lighting, street cleaning, and garbage and refuse collection.
Charter Officers/Duties/Authority (What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida Constitution requires election of Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Tax

officers are included in the Charter; are they elected or appointed?)	Collector, Clerk of Courts, State Attorney, Circuit and County Judges for the 4 th Judicial Circuit. Current Charter Revision Commission is considering recommending appointment of these ministerial offices
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro area is greater than 1 million residents, including 5 County- area. • The City of Jacksonville is greater than 800,000 residents and is the 14th largest city in population in US. It covers 841 square miles.
# Employees/Ratio of Budget per Employee	•
Taxing Districts: How Many/What Type?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council sets mileage rates and Property Appraiser establishes assessed value of real property and on tangible personal property tax for the General Services District and the First Urban District.
How are Taxes Collected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Collector
Cap on Taxes or Mileage?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Yes, original millage cap
Partisan Elections?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, unitary system of elections –eliminated the closed primary system –parties endorse and support candidates. A single primary election is held with a single ballot for all voters within each electoral district. Candidates appear on the ballot with party labels and campaign as party candidates. Any candidate winning a majority in a primary wins the election; if no candidate for a position wins a majority, general election serves as a run-off between top two vote getters, regardless of party. Referendum in 1992 passed this system 73% to 27%. Election dates are in April and May.- Result: cost savings from reduced three elections to at most two, increased voter participation, increased black candidates being elected, and increased competitiveness in candidate choices. (See: Staff Report for NY City Charter Revision Commission)
How many Districts and Representatives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 geographic districts; 5 at-large (19 total representative) • Residency required for 183 consecutive days prior to election
How are Districts Drawn?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on Population (See: Maps)
Term Limits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes limited to 2 consecutive 4-year terms. Charter Revision Commission currently considering recommending staggered terms for Mayor and City Council,

Code of Ethics?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes; within 90 days of taking office, every elected officer has to complete Ethics Training (codified in Ordinance Code, however, considering making Ethics Code part of Charter as it was originally in 1967 but deleted in 80's..
Public Safety: How are Patrol, Corrections, Fire/EMS Functions Handled?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Civil Service System?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes; 9 Member Board • Serves without compensation; 3-year term, 2 term limit • Exempts 4 Urban Service cities
Pensions-Transferred? Limits on Pensions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and Fire Pension • Transferred all Pensions; • considering Pension reform by Charter Revision Commission
Schools Included?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes; 7 Board Members • Defined Districts • 200 schools • 125,000+ students
Does the Charter include elements that reflect/address the values of our Charter Commission? (Efficient, Inclusive, Service, Integrity, Innovation) If so, please specifically list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter Revision Commission: appointed May 2009; 8 months to present recommendation regarding amendment of Charter; meets every 10 years following U.S. Decennial answer; recommendations go to Council and Duval City Legislation Delegation- Due in February • Jacksonville Electric Authority: 7 Member Board; 4-year term; appointed by Mayor; 2 term limit; no compensation, pension, retirement, Has a defined payment to the City which is the subject of their Charter Revision Commission. • Charter created Consolidated Office of General Counsel: separate legal representation; 42 lawyers; operates like a private law firm; bills its clients: JEA, School District of 125,000 students, Airport Authority, Seaport Authority, Transportation Authority, Housing Authority, 5 Constitutional Officers, Major 10 Execution Branch Departments, 19 City Council members and over 40 boards, commissions and groups; strong emphasis on technology, detailed billing statements (led to productivity, efficiency, and cost savings); any legal opinion rendered by General Counsel is binding on consolidated government; since 1968, over 370 binding legal opinions; led to elimination of lawsuits between entities of

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